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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere. Fairfax Fancies.

Fairfax, Dec. 19.—The last meeting of the civic league was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brunson. A cake-walk and other amusements were agreed upon by them to amuse the young folk during the holidays. Then other business was discussed.

Mr. Chitty, superintendent of the high school, gave a play last week with his advanced boys and girls as chief characters. "The Winning of Elaine" brought a full crowd, which was highly entertained. Mrs. J. E. Johnston and Miss Sadie Harter rendered sweet music between the acts. They reproduced the play in Brunson.

Fred Marsh, of McCormick, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. G. W. Barber has returned from a visit into Hampton county.

Rev. Burns at Cope.

Cope, Dec. 20.—Rev. C. B. Burns, the newly appointed Methodist preacher, arrived with his wife and two sons on Tuesday afternoon and were met at the train by a few of the brethren. Mr. E. E. Ritter took them a few minutes later to the parsonage in his auto. Several ladies of the Union congregation had arranged the parsonage for their coming, and they were given a pleasant welcome.

The lovers of booze will no doubt be delighted to know that the dispensary has been completed and has on hand a big supply for the Xmas trade.

Mr. J. C. Gray and little daughter, Rosie, went to Blackville this morning for the day.

THAW BACK TO NEW YORK.

Supreme Court Rules He Should Be Extradited From N. H.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw lost his fight in the supreme court of the United States today against being extradited from New Hampshire to New York. The court held that Thaw should be turned over immediately to the New York authorities to answer an indictment for conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum.

Whether his escape, while, as his counsel contended, he was insane, constituted a crime, and other questions, the court dismissed with the comment that they could not enter into a habeas corpus proceedings and that they were proper questions for the State of New York to decide.

Actually, the Thaw case—the killing of Stanford White—was not before the court. Merely the question of returning him on the conspiracy question was up for decision.

What other moves, if any, were open to Thaw's counsel to prevent his return to the State where he was twice tried and had made many futile efforts to be released, those familiar with the legal procedure were at a loss to forecast.

To those who have followed the case it seemed that the fight against returning to New York was lost and that nothing remained but for the sheriff of Coos county, New Hampshire, to turn Thaw over to New York officers upon the extradition which was granted by the governor of New Hampshire, but stayed by the decision of Justice Aldrich, which was today reversed.

That Would Do Nicely.

The kid is only 4 years old; some of the things he says may be clever on purpose, but the most of them are only clever because we think they are, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Take this one, for instance:

The other day his mother said to his father, in his presence:

"Billy is awfully naughty. I don't know what to do with him. He disobeys me, he is bad to his playmates, he acts like a little fiend to the maid. What shall I do? I have tried spanking him, I have sent him to bed, I have shut him up in a dark closet. None of those things seem to do a bit of good. What shall I do?"

While the father was thinking it over the kid himself chipped in with a suggestion:

"Why don't you cut my head off?" he inquired.

What can you do with a child like that?

JONES GETS FULL PARDON.

Slayer of Abe Pearlstone May Return to State.

Columbia, Dec. 17.—John J. Jones, the Branchville lawyer, who was convicted of slaying Abe Pearlstone and sentenced to ten years and thirty days in the penitentiary, and who was paroled last March on condition that he leave the State and never return, was this afternoon granted a full pardon by Governor Blease. This action by the governor permits Jones to again make his home in South Carolina.

Was at County Farm.

When Jones was paroled last March he was at the Orangeburg county farm, having been sent there from the penitentiary when it was stated that he was suffering from tuberculosis. It was understood that while at the Orangeburg farm Jones practically enjoyed full liberty, spending much of his time in the open, hunting, in an effort to regain his health. To what degree he succeeded has not been made known.

When paroled Jones had served a little more than two years on his sentence.

Tragedy in Postoffice.

Abe Pearlstone was fatally shot by Jones when the two men met in the postoffice at Branchville, where Pearlstone was a merchant and Jones a practicing lawyer. Bad feeling was said to have existed between the two men for some time prior to the tragedy. The trial was held at Orangeburg and attracted considerable notice on account of the prominence of the persons involved.

It is understood that Jones opened a law office in Augusta, Ga., several months ago.

A Dowry for No-Bride?

A Philadelphia mill owner of great wealth, meeting an attractive widow at church, is alleged between hymns to have made it plain to her that if there was husk in his voice when singing it was due to Cupid, not cold, says the Richmond Times-Dispatch. He is 72 years of age, she somewhat younger, but not a child. Both have grown children. Business woman that she was, she arranged for a dowry of \$65,000 upon her marriage. Perhaps he had the same keen sense of business, because in her allegations in a suit just filed it appears that, after thinking it over, he decided to indefinitely postpone nuptials.

The question as to whether a bride that failed to materialize can recover a dowry in lieu of orange blossoms is a delicate one. The lawyer makes the dowry contract the basis of his suit, and thereby reduces the affair to one of dollars and cents, rather than a broken heart. This is not at all flattering to the man in the case, who may have imagined at one time that his chief interest was sentimental; but, in any event, the issue is squarely drawn.

Can a disappointed bride-to-be get her dowry?

KILLS THREE BEARS.

Hunter Very Successful in Swamps of Savannah.

Savannah, Dec. 21.—Reports of having killed three bears in three weeks in the swamps along the banks of the Savannah river are brought to Savannah by Charles B. Wescott, one of Savannah's "professional" hunters. Mr. Wescott has spent several days this week in the swamps hunting ducks and of the latter he bagged about 200.

During the week Mr. Wescott says he penetrated the swamps to places he has not visited since he was a young man. One of the bears was discovered by a man who was hunting with him. The bear was wounded at night, and the next morning, he said, they took the trail and followed him to his den where they killed the animal. Two others were killed on the same day.

Russian Deserter Killed By Fall.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—After emerging unscathed from a number of battles while serving under the Russian colors, Joseph Kaminski deserted, made a perilous trip to a seaport, boarded a steamer as a stow-away and came to America only to meet death three days after arriving here. Kaminski was employed at a coal chute and was killed yesterday when he fell and was buried under tons of coal.

He Had.

"Have you ever thought seriously of marriage, sir?"

"Indeed I have; ever since the ceremony."—Boston Transcript.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Greenville has an employment agency to find work for men out of a job.

The eight magistrates in Chester county last year collected \$3,626.65 in fines.

State Senator P. L. Hardin, of Chester, died in a Baltimore hospital Thursday night. He had served 12 years in the senate and had been re-elected for his fourth term.

Perry Anders shot and killed Samuel Capps, his tenant, in Pickens county Thursday. It is reported that too much whiskey was the cause of the trouble. The dead man leaves a wife and several children.

Mattie Lee Stalnaker, nine-year-old daughter of Mrs. Mattie Stalnaker, was accidentally shot and killed Friday afternoon by a playmate in the home of Mr. W. T. Storey, superintendent of the Ninety-Six mill, in the mill village.

Mrs. Elizabeth Huggins, aged 72, was burned to death in her room in Orangeburg on Thursday.

Linda Kennedy was burned to death in her home in Barnwell Tuesday. The fire was caused by the explosion of a kerosene can from which she was kindling a fire in the store.

A special to the State on Saturday from Barnwell says: "A bale of beautiful cotton was produced from frost-bitten tail-end bolls by the Hall cotton reclaiming process, under which the bolls were placed in a huge incubator and opened like cotton crop in bloom."

The contract for printing the Southern Christian Advocate, the organ for the South Carolina conference and the Upper South Carolina conference of the Methodist church, has been awarded for four years to the Anderson Intelligencer company. The office of the publication will be in Anderson.

The case of Mrs. Frank A. Sloan against the J. G. White Co., suit for \$75,000 damages because her husband was killed by a live wire while working for the company, came to a sudden end Saturday when it was found that a member of the jury, G. M. Dickert, was related to the plaintiff, the judge ordering a mistrial. The juror did not know of the relationship.

If This Be True.

Never mind how big a rascal he may be

Every fellow has another entity!

There's a good man and a bad,

Both a sane man and a mad, In most every human being that we see.

Carve the hide of any saint and you may find

That the saintly epidermis is a blind

When the cuticle is scratched—

Many a hypocrite it's hatched— It is seldom men are covered as lined!

Many a good-for-naught has value in his hold,

And some fools are worth their weight in solid gold.

No one merits our abuse—

Every human is of use—

Even dead men bring a price, so we are told.

Nature never made a freak in human guise

Altogether ignorant or wholly wise;

Every stretching human skin

Holds at least two egos in,

Though but one may be detected by our eyes.

As this theory of mine is strictly true,

Don't forget how many egos are your due;

Better train them all to be

Fit for humankind to see,

Lest the wrong one should show up

and hoodoo you.

—Laura Sheldon, in N. Y. Times.

The Poor Burglar.

"A burglar got into my house about 3 o'clock this morning when I was on my way home from the club," said Jones.

"Did he get anything?" asked Brown.

"I should say he did get something," replied Jones. "The poor devil is in the hospital. My wife thought it was me."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Several White Men Injured in Battle at Fairplay.

Anderson, Dec. 21.—Two negroes were killed and four white men wounded in a battle between the four white men and a party of negroes at Fairplay, in Oconee county, last night. News of the affair has just reached surrounding towns, and, on account of telephone lines being out of commission, full details have not been obtained.

Allen Green and Green Gibson are the dead negroes.

The white men suffering wounds are: Magistrate W. C. McClure, shot in the wrist; John McDonald, shot in the eye; Woodrow Campbell, suffering a wound on the hand; Paul Marrett, sprinkled with shot.

It is said that a negro burned a barn near Knox's bridge in Oconee county Saturday afternoon and that Magistrate McClure, Woodrow Campbell, John McDonald and Paul Marrett went to the suspected negro's house and, carrying him to the place where the barn was burned, gave him a severe whipping.

Returning they are said to have been attacked by a party of negroes led by Allen Green. Green was killed in the fight which followed, and Green Gibson died later from wounds received in the battle. None of the white men is believed to be fatally wounded.

This affair may be a sequel to the well-known fatal stabbing of Julius Marrett in this community a few days ago. Marrett was seriously stabbed while trying to arrest a negro who had escaped from a Georgia county chain gang. The negro successfully eluded pursuit in South Carolina, but was later arrested and is now in jail at Toccoa, Ga.

ACREAGE IN WHEAT INCREASED.

Government Figures Show 41,261,000 Acres Sown.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Dry weather and Hessian fly have so seriously affected the winter wheat crop that the 1915 yield probably will not be more than 580,000,000 bushels, according to an estimate today by the department of agriculture. This is nearly 100,000,000 bushels under last year's total production. This year's acreage, 41,263,000 acres, is the greatest ever sown.

A very dry fall prevented the crop from making a good start, said the department's statement. Hessian flies, the report said, had been at work in various localities from Maryland to Oklahoma.

The bureau of crop estimates issued this statement:

"The condition of the winter wheat crop on December 1 is estimated at 88.3 per cent. of a normal, which compares with 97.2 per cent. a year ago. In the past ten years the condition on December 1 has averaged 90.3 per cent. and the output of the crops has averaged about 14.4 bushels per acre on the planted area. In the same proportion the condition of 88.3 would forecast a yield of about 14.08 bushels, which on the estimated acreage planted, amounts to 580,000,000 bushels.

"The production in 1914 was estimated at 675,623,000 bushels, and in the preceding five years the average annual production was 441,000,000 bushels."

The acreage and condition on December 1 of winter wheat shows: Georgia, 314,000 acres; condition, 94. South Carolina, 246,000 acres; condition, 96.

Larger Acreage.

Increase in the acreage devoted to the planting of winter wheat in the South were shown today in the department of agriculture's estimate of the total area sown in the United States that amounts to 41,261,000 acres, an increase of 4,135,000 acres over the area sown last fall and on which the record crop of 684,990,000 bushels of winter wheat was harvested this year.

The condition of wheat on December 1 was 88.3 per cent. of a normal, almost 10 per cent. lower than it was last year at this time, and 2 per cent. below the ten-year average on December.

South Carolina's acreage was increased 200 per cent. compared with the 1913 planting, Alabama 185 per cent., Mississippi 125 per cent., Georgia 118 per cent., North Carolina 75 per cent., Virginia 60 per cent., Arkansas 44 per cent., Tennessee, Texas and Oklahoma 20 per cent.

In the great wheat growing States the increases in acreage range from 5 to 15 per cent. except in the best winter wheat State, Kansas, where a 2 per cent. decrease in acreage is shown.

## MILL MAN KILLS HIS WIFE

VICTIM SAID TO HAVE BEEN CHOKED TO DEATH.

Young Greenwood Mill Man Said to Have Admitted Killing to Several Persons.

Greenwood, Dec. 21.—Albert Tolbert, a young white man, working at the Panola Cotton mill here, choked his wife to death yesterday afternoon while they were alone in a room, according to statements Tolbert is said to have made to several persons, including Sheriff McMillan. Tolbert, it seems, was utterly indifferent to the affair, sending a message to the sheriff to come and arrest him and to the undertaker to attend to his wife's remains.

The dead woman before marriage was Miss Nola Hall, from Donalds section of Abbeville county. She and Tolbert had been married several years, but had not been able to live together, and had separated several times. Lately, however, they had been living together and working in the Panola mill. They occupied two rooms of a house and Mr. M. D. Ellenburg and family the other two rooms. Yesterday Mr. Ellenburg said he heard them quarrelling and heard the woman scream; that he and his family thought they were fighting, but did not suspect the actual nature of the struggle. A little later, it seems, Tolbert came to the door and asked Ellenburg's son to go for the sheriff, saying that he had killed his wife. He had a knife in his hand.

Mr. Ellenburg sent for Superintendent McCuen. When Mr. McCuen arrived he found the woman dead on the floor and Tolbert sitting by the fire smoking a cigarette. He said Tolbert told him he had choked his wife to death; that it had been done about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It was then 2 o'clock. Sheriff McMillan and Dr. Lyon were soon on hand and the examination showed that the woman's neck was broken. The doctor said he observed that the woman seemed to have been strangled and that Tolbert replied that she had; that he had choked her to death. Tolbert was taken to jail. There was considerable talk of lynching but cooler counsel prevailed.

The dead woman was about 22 years of age. Tolbert appears to be about 25. He is from the McCormick section.

GEORGETOWN HIT BY FIRE.

Four Homes, Including Mayor's, Totally Destroyed.

Georgetown, Dec. 17.—A disastrous fire occurred in this city about 5 o'clock this morning, when the homes of Mayor W. H. Andrews, Dr. M. P. Moorhead, A. P. Webber and a residence belonging to Herman Schink burned to the ground, entailing a loss of about \$50,000, which is partly covered by insurance.

The main cause of the spread of this fire, which could have been easily extinguished in the beginning, was the inefficiency of the present water works and failure to supply the necessary pressure.

Water Mains Burst.

At the first alarm the engineer in charge of the pumping station, it seems, instead of grading the pressure on the water mains, turned it on too suddenly, shattering sections of the mains. After this had occurred, instead of shutting off the mains in that section of town, so that the Georgetown water works pumping station could have supplied the necessary pressure, such a supply of water continued escaping from the broken mains that at no time could a pressure of over fifteen pounds be exerted.

Brutal Pa.

Gervangeline Darkins stood before her father—her face flushed with happiness and pride, says the Washington Star.

"And he's asking me to marry him, father! I can't tell you how happy and proud I am to have won the love of such a man. You know him, don't you, father, and you like him?"

The happy girl laid her cheek, blooming with hope and coquetry, on her long-suffering parent's shoulder.

"Oh, yes," answered the old gentleman, hoping his coat wouldn't be stained. "I know him all right. But has he any money to marry on?"

"Money? Why, father, darling, look at the lovely diamond ring he has given me!"

"Yes, I have noticed it. That's what I mean—has he any money left?"

FIGHT FOR FRANK CONTINUES.

Federal Judge Newman Declines to Issue Certificate Sought.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—Federal Judge Newman today declined to grant a certificate stating that, in his opinion, there was "probable cause" for an appeal to the United States supreme court in the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by Leo M. Frank, under sentence to be hanged January 22 for the murder of Mary Phagan.

Judge Newman stated, however, at the close of an extended hearing, that he was willing to allow Frank to appeal to the higher court, but that he would not certify the appeal. According to Frank's attorneys, under the law of 1908, relating to appeals in habeas corpus cases from the Federal district courts, Judge Newman's decision in effect means that they will be compelled to go before an individual justice of the supreme court, and make application to him to grant an appeal before the matter can be brought before the higher court. This, they stated, they intended to do. It was stated the matter first probably would be brought before Justice Lamar.

In announcing his decision on the appeal, in open court today, Judge Newman said:

"I would be glad to have the supreme court pass upon the question presented in this proceeding, but since I have heard the petition and decided that I could not issue the writ, I believe that I cannot say there is 'probable cause for an appeal.' To do so, it seems to me, would be contradictory. To have granted the writ would have meant the discharge of the prisoner, and from the record and what was presented, I did not feel that I could do that.

"I am willing to allow the appeal, but I cannot give a certificate of probable cause for the same."

Judge Newman said he would give Frank's attorneys a copy of his opinion in denying the writ last Saturday, and also a statement of his reasons for his decision today, which they might present to the supreme court in connection with their application for an appeal.

Attorney General Grice and Solicitor Dorsey, for the State, opposed the granting of the appeal, declaring the State supreme court's ruling that the question of Frank's right to have been in the court room when the verdict was returned was a matter involving State practice, had been upheld by the justices of the supreme court. They contended that the matter was presented in the habeas corpus proceeding in order to delay execution of the judgment of the State courts.

Strange Liquor Advertisement.

The following advertisement appeared in the Rockingham Rocket 25 years ago. The Rockingham Post reproduced it a few days ago:

"Don't drink. It is a most pernicious habit, and, if you follow it, sooner or later, it will utterly ruin your health in fortune, in intellect and in character. All it requires is a little time. Therefore I say unto you let it alone. But if you will insist on travelling on the downward road, in spite of all warning and advice, you had better come and see me at my bar on Washington street, where I keep a full stock of the purest and best whiskeys, brandies, beer, ale, cigars, chewing tobacco, etc. If you live where it is not convenient to call on me, remember I ship goods by express. Temperately yours, W. A. McDonald."—Pee Dee Advocate.

A Reasonable Excuse.

Smith was summoned as a witness in an aggravated case of assault and battery, and frankly answered every question put to him by the lawyers. Finally the judge turned to the prisoner with a look of surprise.

"You mean to say, sir," severely remarked his judicial nibs, "that you saw the plaintiff pursued; that you saw him throw to the ground and beaten with a piece of lead pipe?"

"Yes, sir, your honor," was the calm rejoinder of the witness.

"You saw all that," returned the judge with a show of indignation, "and never lifted a hand to help the unfortunate man?"

"Yes, sir," answered Smith. "I thought they was takin' pictures for the movies."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

A Puzzler.

"Pa, a man's wife is his better half, isn't she?"

"We are told so, my son."

"Then if a man marries twice there isn't anything left of him, is there?"

—Boston Transcript.